

## House Resolution 1810

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## A RESOLUTION

1 Commending the Osteogenesis Imperfecta Foundation and recognizing March 24, 2010, as  
2 Osteogenesis Imperfecta Day at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Osteogenesis Imperfecta is a rare genetic disorder that causes brittle bones due  
4 to the poor or insufficient formation of collagen in the body; and

5 WHEREAS, without adequate collagen in the body, bones do not have the support they need  
6 to absorb normal shock or trauma; and

7 WHEREAS, while fragile bones are the hallmark of Osteogenesis Imperfecta, other medical  
8 problems, including loose joints, early hearing loss, brittle teeth, respiratory problems, and  
9 easy bruising are also part of the disorder; and

10 WHEREAS, Osteogenesis Imperfecta is present throughout a person's lifetime and can be  
11 diagnosed in utero or at birth, as a small child when unexplained broken bones appear, or  
12 later in life when an adult has an unusually low bone density for his or her age; and

13 WHEREAS, Osteogenesis Imperfecta manifests itself in four forms, Type I, Type II, Type  
14 III, and Type IV, with the most common and mildest form, Type I, characterized with mild  
15 bone fragility, relatively few fractures, and minimal limb deformities, with incidents of  
16 fractures decreasing considerably after an individual has stopped growing; and

17 WHEREAS, infants with the most severe form, Type II Osteogenesis Imperfecta, are  
18 typically born with very short limbs, small chests, soft skulls, under-developed lungs, low  
19 birth weight, respiratory problems, and legs with a frog-like positioning; and

20 WHEREAS, Type III Osteogenesis Imperfecta is characterized by structurally defective  
21 Type I collagen and appears as mildly shortened and bowed limbs, small chests, and a soft

22 calvarium, and people with Type IV Osteogenesis Imperfecta have moderate-to-severe  
23 growth retardation and commonly have long bones which are bowed; and

24 WHEREAS, individuals living with Osteogenesis Imperfecta must take special precautions  
25 in their daily lives to reduce the likelihood of injuries, and their childhood years are often  
26 filled with surgeries and broken limbs; and

27 WHEREAS, the courageous battle fought by people with Osteogenesis Imperfecta makes  
28 them strong individuals with great character and perseverance; and

29 WHEREAS, on March 24, 2010, the Osteogenesis Imperfecta Foundation is sponsoring the  
30 Bone China Tea Party, a phantom tea party in which people send an invitation with a tea bag  
31 to family and friends, inviting them to enjoy a cup of tea in the comfort of their own home  
32 and make a donation in honor of a friend or family member living with Osteogenesis  
33 Imperfecta; and

34 WHEREAS, proceeds from this event go towards creating new information resources for  
35 families and medical professionals and fund groundbreaking research to find a cure to  
36 Osteogenesis Imperfecta.

37 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
38 the members of this body commend the work of the Osteogenesis Imperfecta Foundation and  
39 recognize March 24, 2010, as Osteogenesis Imperfecta Day at the state capitol.

40 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
41 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Osteogenesis Imperfecta  
42 Foundation.